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DECISION ON DISARMAMENT -- KEY TO FUTURE RED VICTORIES

Are Western nations — including the United States — goint to cut back their armaments and reduce spending for overseas military bases?

The answer lies in our estimate of Communist intentions. No one is taking the answer lightly. A wrong decision could weaken our defenses against Communist aggression, open the flood gates for new Red victories in Europe and Asia, and possibly lead to World War III.

The debate over Communist intentions revolves around the flood of "peace" propaganda from Moscow and Peiping in recent months. Some Western leaders are asking whether these proposals for disarmament are "in good faith."

Analysis of recent "peace" propaganda indicates that the Moscow proposals are not "in good faith" as we understand the term. They are the central move in a maneuver Communist leaders hope will recoup political prestige lost when they ordered Soviet troops to shoot down heroic Hungarian men, women and children.

Moscow's Answer — A "Peace" Offensive

Since that event, the Reds have suffered many losses. Party membership has dropped throughout the free world. Reverses have been suffered in the Mideast and the satellites. Moscow's answer to this has been to step up its "peace" offensive. First of all, peace is popular. Communists for years have raised shouts of "peace" in order to claim leadership of the world's masses. It is the same today.

On May 14, the Soviet news service "TASS" reported, "Broad masses of the public abroad are now animatedly discussing the Soviet proposals on disarmament....The policy of our country on this question finds warm support among all peace-loving peoples because it is, as the Egyptian newspaper 'AL-MASA' states, in accordance with the interests of the people....

"'People of all countries want to live free of fear of an atomic war,' the Egyptian newspaper states, 'and they demand an immediate end of experimental nuclear explosions. Whether the United States and Britain reject or accept the proposal will show the nations who wish mankind good and who is against the interests of mankind."

That Red concern with mass world opinion lies behind the disarmament proposals and peace propaganda is underscored by major Red attempts right now to convince the Arabs that "imperialism, not communism' is the chief foe.

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Cairo Has Swallowed The "Peace" Line

Cairo Radio, for one, has been swallowing this line. On April 24 it broadcast, "The suspicion of international communism...does not affect us, because we suffered in the past and are still suffering from Western imperialism."

The political, rather than "honest," intent of Red disarmament proposals is further pointed up by continued aggressive slogans aimed at weakening the free world.

"Pravda," in reporting on April 24 about slogans for May Day, stated, "The ardent appeals — 'Proletarians of all countries unite'; 'Higher the banner of proletarian internationalism' — resound today with renewed force. People of all lands passionately desire to strengthen peace, to lessen international tension, and to stop the armaments race."

Calling the Communist Party "the true bearer of the people's desire for peace," the Party newspaper reported that Red leaders "are directing the efforts of popular masses to a struggle against the aggressive policy of the imperialist circles."

Communist Techniques Show Through In U. S.

One technique of political leadership is to find out what people want, then shout loudest that this is what you are fighting for. This is the Reds' technique. Lenin taught in 1921, "In order to achieve victory you must have the sympathy of the masses."

Naturally, Red leaders have launched propaganda campaigns aimed at gaining popular support in the free world for moscow's "peace" position. U. S. Reds have been in the forefront, for example, in promoting "scare" articles on the affects of A-bomb and H-bomb fallout.

"The Worker" of May 19 featured a four-page supplement highlighting American newspaper and magazine articles which stimulate popular fear of A-bomb and H-bomb dangers. Dr. Linus Pauling, member of innumerable Red front groups, was liberally quoted as scientific authority for danger claims. Support for the Communist position for banning H-bomb tests was also highlighted. This supplement is available for wide distribution.

Reds Applaud Opposition To U. S. Atomic Progress

Regardless of the merits pro or con relating to H-bomb testing and fallout danger, it is obvious the Reds are encouraging and applauding every act which fans public fear of nuclear energy and every expression that the U. S. should immediately adopt the Soviet Union's proposals to ban A-bomb and H-bomb testing.

Joseph North, in "The Worker" (May 19), went even farther. He reported that "the UAW and several other unions are bitterly opposed to the construction of an atomic power plant at Monroe, near Detroit and Toledo, which, if an accident occurs, could kill 25,000 people." Applause for this position is part of the Reds' campaign to hamper nuclear development in the U. S. while it is being pushed ahead full steam in the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, Red fronts throughout the world have been set to work. The World Peace Council — biggest of international Red fronts — issued a Berlin ("peace") Appeal on April 2. Its purpose is to further agitate popular fear of nuclear weapons and generate opposition against U. S. military bases overseas.

The magazine "Soviet Woman" (May 1957) reported that women were circulating the appeal for signatures in Japan. Popular agitation for the appeal in Asia will be given a fruther shot in the arm when the World Peace Council meets in Colombo, Ceylon, June 10. The Women's International Democratic Federation and the World Federation of Trade Unions, also big

international Red fronts, have joined the propaganda campaign by urging their members to promote the Soviet "peace" and "disarmament" proposals. Communists are circulating the Appeal in all countries of the world.

Reds Hope To Weaken Western Defenses

The Reds are not merely out to rebuild their political prestige. They are also out to weaken U. S. prestige and force dismantling of U. S. military defense bases overseas.

The Soviet magazine "New Times" reported on April 25: "The wide introduction of atom weapons into all types of armed forces suits the aggressive plans of American imperialism." Marshal Georgi Zhukov, in his May Day address, told the world that U. S. decisions to station atomic units in other countries "testify to the unwillingness of the imperialist circles to take into consideration the interests of the workers." Party Boss Nikita Khrushchev last month told a "New York Times" editor he wanted "the liquidation of military blocs...in Europe" which would mean dismantling of U. S. military bases there.

Does all this violent propaganda carried out by Moscow, its fronts, and Communist Parties indicate a sincere desire to disarm? It sounds much more like aggressive political attack designed to promote Soviet interests and obstruct U. S. foreign policy than like normal disarmament negotiations.

What's happening is that the Reds — as they often do — are using formal documents and state speeches on disarmament to obscure and conceal the intentions which their gross propaganda activities reveal so clearly.

Yes, they want the West to disarm, and they are willing to pay a token price for it. But their intention is to use words to help regain the good opinion of the world public which they lost by their actions. They want to use words to cut down the growing Western strength on their borders. Let's hope we shall not be fooled by this old Communist stratagem.

NEW LEFTIST PROPAGANDA UNIT SET UP — INCLUDES TOP U.S. COMMUNIST PARTY LEADERS

Two top-rung Communist Party leaders have joined in a new organization set up last month to promote a "socialist" movement in the United States.

The new group — called "American Forum For Socialist Education" — was formed, according to its chairman, A. J. Muste, to promote "socialist unity," discuss the "program of a democratic socialist movement in the U. S. and how such a movement may be brought into being."

Announcement of the organization said its specific purposes included:

1) "to call attention to the various periodicals and publications of groups whose members are involved in the discussions and encourage people to read them;" (Editor's note: This obviously would include promotion of Communist propaganda since Reds will be "involved in the discussions") "and to publish bulletins or pamphlets under its own imprint" and

2) "to organize regional and national conferences and by these and other means to contribute not only to intellectual clarification but to the building of a new morale and ethic, a spirit of fair play, labor militancy, determination and hope among the progressive and the radical forces in this country."

"United Front" Plan Denied

A. J. Muste has publicly denied that the "American Forum" is a "united front" and has stated it is, in fact, "virtually the opposite of the 'united fronts' promoted by the Communist Party in

the past...." The "united front" line is to let's bury our difference and work together, Muste declared. "The American Forum says: We have to discuss our basic differences."

Why Dr. Albert E. Blumberg, the U. S. Reds' top legislative advisor, is a member of the new "discussion" group is amply clear. In "Political Affairs (January 1956) Blumberg argued that the "Left and progressive forces" had to "strengthen the independent political action of labor and its allies with a view to a political realignment leading towards a labor-farmer, anti-monopoly party," and "increase the role and contributions of the Left, including the Marxists, as an essential factor in the further growth of the people's democratic coalition." (Underlining added — Ed.) The second identified Red in the group is Doxey Wilkerson.

Open discussion, regional and national conferences, and propaganda aimed at educating people toward forming a "socialist movement" in the U. S. is right down Dr. Blumberg's alley and is in line with current U. S. Red policy.

Muste's Group Condemned

Others closely concerned with the "American Forum" already have seen this trend. Benjamin McLaurin, field representative of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, who was named by Muste as one of the "Forum's" forty select members, has publicly condemned Muste's group. McLaurin declared: "I will not join any organization that is politically allied with Communists."

Herman Singer, secretary of the Socialist Party-Social Democratic Federation, was more outspoken. He said the "Forum" "is misusing the name socialism" and "is the medium by which the Communist is attempting to achieve a new status in the radical community following the debacle which has enveloped the Communists throughout the world."

What makes this group of top interest to veterans, fraternal, service, women's, church and youth groups is that it is a new Communist approach. It includes a few people not associated with the promotion of Communist plans as well as ones who have been active in identified Communist fronts. The establishment of so-called "socialist" discussion forums and the promotion of "socialist" and Communist literature will be a new propaganda influence to guard against.

WILL KHRUSHCHEV VISIT THE UNITED STATES?

On April 30 last year Party Boss Nikita Khrushchev told cheering Russians at Moscow's central military airport that he would seek direct talks with President Eisenhower. He and Premier Nikolai Bulganin had just returned from a ten-day tour of Britain, and his hopes were running high for negotiations with the Americans.

Within a month newspaper reports were stating that Khrushchev had made it plain in Moscow that he would like an invitation to Washington in November or December, following the U. S. 1956 elections.

The vast idea — dropped furing the Suez troubles and the Hungarian outrage — is now being revived. Early last month Khrushchev told a "New York Times" editor that he would like to negotiate with the United States and that, "Yes, I would like to visit the United States of America because I have heard so many interesting things about this country."

These statements — in line with customary Communist practice — must be considered trial balloons. If the wind of public opinion in the United States seems favorable, Red propagandists will soon unleash a full-scale campaign to whip up popular support for the visit.

What Will Khrushchev Gain?

What will Party Boss Khrushchev be after? He said in his interview with the "New York Times" editor that he wanted to negotiate to "insure European security" and that "settlement

of the question of European security should lead to the liquidation of military blocs...in Europe." This would mean liquidation of NATO and of U. S. military bases in Europe.

He also said he would not negotiate on "liberation of East European countries" or "unconditional reunification of Germany" — two primary goals of current U. S. foreign policy. "If such conditions continue to be put forward," Khrushchev said, "another 200 years may pass before we meet again, for in these questions we are inflexible."

These goals, of course, could be and may well be sought through another Geneva Conference. What Khrushchev might seek in addition through a visit to the U. S. is personal contact with groups he believes should be furthering the Communist cause and the benefits of a platform inside the U. S. for his brand of Communist persuasion. This is what he did during his 1956 tour of Britain.

Party Members Are Professional Propagandists

The visit of a top Red leader is not a visit from a leading foreign statesman, but a visit from a professional propagandist and revolutionary.

Lest we forget: in his book, "What Is To Be Done?" (1902), Lenin laid out the main line for later Communist action. He stated categorically that "the organization [now the Communist Party] must consist chiefly of persons engaged in revolution as a profession." As revolutionists, he said, "We must go among all classes of the people as theoreticians, as propagandists, as agitators and as organizers."

In "Left-Wing Communism" (1920) Lenin added: "The main task of contemporary Communism in western Europe and America is to acquire the ability to seek, to find, to determine correctly the concrete path, or the particular turn of events that will bring the masses right up to the real, decisive, last and great revolutionary struggle."

This remains the aim of Communists. It is hardly conceivable that Nikita Khrushchev, Communist Party Boss and top Party propagandist, would not use an available platform in the United States to further this aim.

COMMUNISM IS "MOST INCREDIBLE SWINDLE IN MODERN TIMES," ACCORDING TO HOWARD FAST — FIFTEEN YEARS A PARTY MEMBER

When novelist Howard Fast publicly resigned from the Communist Party a few months ago, many Americans were taken by surprise, although those who had followed the U. S. Communist Party closely had long known that Fast "ran with the Reds," invariably supported Communist Programs and that he had written for the "Daily Worker," "Masses and Mainstream" and other Party publications. Most people, however, simply regarded Fast as a "leftist" writer.

Fast certainly did not disclose his Party tie-up when he used his fame as a novelist to further the Party's campaign to defeat the re-election of John McDowell to Congress several years ago. McDowell, a Congressman from Pennsylvania, was a member of the House Un-American Activities Committee and took a leading part in exposing Reds in Hollywood.

When Fast publicly resigned from the Party, however, he disclosed that he had been a Party member for almost fifteen years. But why did he resign?

Why Fast Resigned

In an article written for "Mainstream" (March 1957), Fast said he resigned for two major reasons: 1) it was an "extreme protest against the course of events in the Communist world," and 2) "because the Communist Party of the United States — mostly through events beyond its control — is compromised to a point where it can no longer make any effective contribution to the continuing struggle for democracy and social justice."

Fast said he joined the Party because he believed it was the "beginning of a true brotherhood of man" and "because it offered the most effective resistance to fascism."

He became fed up with being asked to swallow "absurd" Soviet theories. After Nikita Khrushchev's speech denouncing Stalin, Fast said he "felt a sense of being a victim of the most incredible swindle in modern times."

He said he realized that in Russia they have "socialism without democracy...without trial by jury, or the right against self-incrimination...without civil liberty...without public avenues of protest...without equality for minorities...without any right of free artistic creation...without morality."

We All Know It, But...

These are facts anti-Communists have known for years. They have extra force when uttered by a Communist to explain his public resignation from the Party — his public rejection of Party discipline.

Fast concludes, however, that he intends to "continue my solidarity" with Communists and non-Communists "who fight injustice and treasure the precious...traditions of Jefferson, Franklin, Lincoln and Douglass."

It is this attitude of Fast that explains why the Communist Party is far from ready to write him completely out of their plans.

In a "Daily Worker" editorial (February 5), the Party's spokesman stated, "There is no doubt that Fast and others who have taken similar steps will continue on the side of progress and socialism. We disagree with anyone who may be inclined to look upon them as enemies of socialism, as was often done in the past. This does not lessen our strong disagreement with the step which they have taken."

So far as U. S. Reds are concerned, Fast may have resigned, but he is not lost — yet.

COMMUNISTS ANNOUNCE PROGRAM OF SUBVERSION FOR MINNESOTA

People in Minnesota and the Upper Midwest Region should be on the lookout for expanding Communist activities, especially in labor, farmer, youth and political fields.

In April, the Communist Party of Minnesota adopted a program for that state, which was disclosed in the May issue of "Political Affairs." It calls for agitation against "monopoly capitalism" and for socialism both by individual Party members and by the Party organization. Also high on the Reds' list are planned attacks against "free enterprise" and "individualism. They'll also hit hard on favorite Communist international issues, including disarmament and "peace."

Use Local Issues To Promote "Socialism"

Primarily, however, the stepped-up Red propaganda and agitation in labor groups and among farmers will be keyed to local issues such as taxes, problems of the "family farmer," growing inflation, profits of local "big business," and civil rights. By tieing their programs in with local issues which are real and require sound solutions, the Communists hope to influence those decisions in such a way as to swing the population toward their ideas of socialism. "The basic question," says the Minnesota Program," is: will the future of this state lie in the hands of big business and monopoly or will it be determined by the people?" As with all Communist statements, "by the people" really means "by the Communist Party."

A special effort of Minnesota Reds will be to further the long-term dream of all U. S. Communists to build farmer-labor unity as a base for a Red dominated farmer-labor political party. The Program states specifically: "Our Party should above all agitate and work in every rural community for a real understanding now of the need for a labor-farmer bloc against Big Business and the special interests...."

In many groups the Reds will be working "undercover." As the Program puts it: "Many individual Communists are accepted in the trade unions, farm and other groups and have a high standing among their friends, neighbors and fellow shop workers. Yet they are not in a position to publicly state their Party affiliation even if it is often tacitly 'understood.'"

However, the Program goes on to say that wherever feasible: "We should state our views and circulate them widely on important questions of general interest. The objective should be primarily to influence and move the rank and file workers and farmers and the most militant and Left among them."

As was expected following the Party's National Convention, the new tactics show a return to Communist techniques of the 1930's. They present all of us with a new and much more difficult form of subversion to combat than we have had to face during the past fifteen years. More than ever before, a sound grasp of the current Party line and Party intentions is essential for successful counterattacks.

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE REDS

Activities of the Communists this past month ran the gamut from a May Day Manifesto in Spain to a crack in the Party line in Red China.

The May Day Manifesto was the kind of statement we have come to expect from Communists outside the Red Empire. It called for the unity of workers "against Spain's entry into NATO ... and for the peaceful overthrow of the Franco dictatorship."

Admitting that Spanish Reds are not yet strong enough to hold a "big national demonstration," the Manifesto urged Party members to agitate in "family or friendly gatherings" and work toward the day when a national demonstration could be held.

Not exciting news, but this is the way Communist Parties begin their campaigns to win political power.

A very different scene was going on in Red China. There, the Party made the jump from small beginnings to total power in twenty-five years. Now, Red Chinese Boss Mao Tse-tung is putting Party hacks through a hazard course called "cheng feng" or "rectification" campaign.

The campain has been arranged by Mao, frankly, to take Party functionaries down a peg or two. Mao's directive ordering the "cheng feng" commented that "some members of the Party had become conceited...and sought fame and position."

Mao Urges Party Members To "Do Some Work"

In addition to a round of criticism by fellow Reds and by any non-Party members who want to take part, Mao suggested that Party personnel who hold key positions "should devote part of their time to engaging in physical labor with the workers and peasants."

Behind this directive was an obviously widening split between the masses and the Party leaders. And to explain this split Mao has come up with the new theory that "contradictions" are possible between the Party and the Masses in a Communist state. The Party's job is to solve them.

It has been traditional Communist teaching that "contradictions" exist only in capitalist countries. It is these "contradictions" which ultimately lead to the fall of capitalist societies, the rise of Communism, and the end of contradictions.

A Brief Look At Other Communist Activities

MAY DAY DEMONSTRATIONS were held by Reds in many free world countries. May Day agitation in West Germany was for the "peaceful" reunification of Germany and opposition to arming the new West German Army with atomic weapons. Opposition to atomic weapons in other than Communist hands was a keynote of many of the Communist May Day celebrations.

AFRICA has been the focal point of several reports from both Moscow and Peiping recently. On April 14, the Soviet Government newspaper "Izvestia" charged that the U. S. was starting "an extensive program for the colonization of the countries of Africa" under the guise of "aid." This move, the Reds said, "threatens the existence of independent African states and the national liberation movement." (Editor's note: The national liberation movement is a Moscow-promoted device to cut fromer colonial countries away from Western influence and lead them into the "socialist" camp.)

A dispatch from Peiping, Red China, (April 29) disclosed one way the Reds are penetrating Africa. It stated: "Closer contacts and greater solidarity with trade unions in Asia and Africa and other parts of the world marked the development of the Chinese labor movement during the past year." On the same day, Peking reported that trade union delegations from Egypt, Syria, Lebanon and the Sudan were entertained by Red unions in Peiping.

MEXICO — The National Confederation of Students in Mexico City has issued a manifesto stating it will call a general strike of all students in Mexico unless the Guadalajara University is completely reorganized "to eliminate criminal and corrupt Communist influence." According to a May 14 report, the manifesto said: "it is a known fact that the honorary rector of the State University is 'Soviet agitator number one, Vincente Lombardo Toledano' and that the incumbent rector is a 'ridiculous Communist apprentice."

ENGLAND — British Reds meeting in their 25th Congress last month urged greater Party efforts to aid "the growth of self-reliant political branches closely connected with the labor movement and the people...step up the work of factory Party organizations...[and] ... improve essential class education." (Editor's note: It appears British Reds are taking about the same line as Reds in the U. S.)

DENMARK — Just to end on a happier note: Radio Moscow on May 15 reported that Communists had lost in recent Danish elections. Moscow said the Communist Party's loss "was considerable but in no way decisive." The reason was the events in Hungary. Moscow Radio stated: "The propaganda machinery of all the non-socialist parties and state institutions, including the Danish state radio, displayed such activity that it had repercussions. That is the reason for the Communist Party's loss." In other words, the Reds can be beaten at their own game.

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